

AGENDA: September 10, 2002

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CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Fire

TITLE: Adoption of the City's Integrated Pest Management Policy

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the proposed City of Mountain View Integrated Pest Management Policy (Policy).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact directly associated with adoption of the Integrated Pest Management Policy.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The City of Mountain View, along with the 12 other cities in Santa Clara County; the County of Santa Clara; and the Santa Clara Valley Water District, participate in a consortium known as the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP). The SCVURPPP was formed to collectively address municipal storm water pollution regulations. All of the member agencies, including Mountain View, are listed as "Co-permittees" on the Municipal Storm Water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAS029718, which was reissued by the State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board on February 6, 2001. Provision C.9 of the NPDES permit requires the City to develop and implement a policy by December 2002 requiring the minimization of pesticide use and incorporation of integrated pest management techniques during City operations.

Adoption of this Policy will help minimize pesticide use at City-maintained facilities by using integrated pest management techniques to control pests before using potentially harmful pesticides. Examples of integrated pest management techniques include: tolerating defined populations of pests; use of pest-resistant plants; selection of less toxic controls; and using mechanical controls, such as mechanical removal, traps and barriers. This Policy also establishes goals to train City staff regarding integrated pest management techniques, track and report pesticide use at City facilities and educate the public about integrated pest management strategies and techniques.

The Policy was developed collaboratively with input from the Community Services Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department (Public Services), Finance and Administrative Services Department and Community Development Department. A draft

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version of the Policy was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) on July 10, 2002, at which time, the Commission recommended adoption of the Policy by the City Council (see Attachments 2 and 3).

CONCLUSION

By adopting the Integrated Pest Management Policy, the City of Mountain View will show its support and proactive commitment to improving health conditions and water quality in local creeks and the San Francisco Bay by monitoring and reducing pesticide use. The Policy provides City staff with a framework for establishing procedures that can be implemented by all affected City departments. The ultimate goal of this Policy is to reduce exposure to potentially harmful chemicals and improve water quality in local creeks and the San Francisco Bay by reducing the quantity of pesticides which run off during watering or rain events.

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Attachments: 1. Integrated Pest Management Policy
2. July 10, 2002 Parks and Recreation Commission Staff Report
3. July 10, 2002 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes